

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in reference to the present application.

Listing of the Claims

1. (previously presented) A protective assembly for a computer system,
comprising:

a chassis;

an access panel;

a first and a second latch member secured to the access panel;

a first and a second catch member moveably secured to the chassis,
wherein the first catch member is disposed on an interior side
of a first sidewall of the chassis to secure the first latch member
and the second catch member is disposed on an interior side of
a second sidewall of the chassis, opposite the first sidewall, to
secure the second latch member, the first and second catch
members being biased in a first direction to secure the first and
second latch members and being movable in a second direction
to release the first and second latch members; and

a first and a second operator, wherein the first operator is disposed on an exterior side of the first sidewall and secured through the chassis to the first catch member and the second operator is disposed on an exterior side of the second sidewall, the first and second operators being adapted to move the first and second catch members in the second direction to disengage with respect to the first and second latch members.

2. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the latch member includes a first engaging portion and a first securing portion and the catch member includes a second engaging portion and a second securing portion, the first and second engaging portions being adapted to enable the first securing portion engage the second securing portion to displace the catch member, the first and second securing portions being adapted to enable the second securing portion capture the first securing portion.

3. (canceled):

4. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first engaging portion slidingly engages the second engaging portion and displaces the catch member in the second direction as the access panel is moved to a closed position on the chassis.

5. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 4, wherein at the closed position, the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are no longer in sliding engagement and the catch member is biased in the first direction.

6. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the second securing portion is disposed over the first securing portion when the catch member is in a first position.

7. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first securing portion and the second securing portion are flat with respect to the access panel in a closed position in relation to the chassis.

8. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are angled with respect to the access panel in a closed position in relation to the chassis.

9. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 7, wherein the latch member is releaseable from the catch member by displacing the catch member such that the second securing portion is not disposed over the first securing portion.

10. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 1, wherein the catch member is biased in the first direction by a spring.

11. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein each catch member includes a third engaging portion and a third securing portion symmetrical about an axis with the second engaging portion and the second securing portion, the second securing portion being adapted to capture the first securing portion of the first latch member when the catch member is disposed on the first sidewall of the chassis and the third securing portion being adapted to capture the first securing portion of the second latch member when the catch member is disposed on the second sidewall of the chassis.

12. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first engaging portion and the second engaging portion are configured for sliding engagement with respect to one another.

13. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the first securing portion and the second securing portion are configured for abutment with respect to one another.

14. (previously presented) The system as recited in claim 2, wherein the access panel is pivoted about a first end to position the access panel relative to the chassis.

15. (original) The system as recited in claim 1, comprising a spring to bias the access panel to an open position.

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented) The first member as recited in claim 19, wherein the first surface is angled with respect to the access panel in the closed position.

18. (previously presented) The first member as recited in claim 17, wherein the second surface is generally flat with respect to the access panel in the closed position.

19-27. (cancelled).

28. (previously presented) A housing for a computer device, comprising:
a chassis configured to house at least one computer component, the chassis
having a plurality of sidewalls;
an access panel coupleable to the chassis;
first and second latch members located on the access panel;
a first catch member moveably secured to the chassis on an interior side of a
first sidewall of the chassis and configured to engage with the first
latch member;
a second catch member moveably secured to the chassis on an interior side of a
second sidewall and configured to engage with the second latch

member, wherein the second sidewall is not adjacent to the first sidewall;

a first operator disposed on an exterior side of the first sidewall and coupled to the first catch member via a first extension member extending through the first sidewall; and

a second operator disposed on an exterior side of the second sidewall and coupled to the second catch member via a second extension member extending through the second sidewall, wherein actuation of the first and second operators in a first direction disengages the first and second catch members from the first and second latch members respectively.

29. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are slidably moveable.

30. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second latch members are configured to bias the first and second catch members in the first direction via engagement between the first and second catch members and the first and second release members during positioning of the access panel in a closed position with respect to the chassis.

31. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 28, comprising a leaf spring coupled to the chassis and configured to bias the access panel away to an open position with respect to the chassis.

32. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are substantially identical.

33. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 28, wherein the first and second catch members are interchangeable.

34. (previously presented) A housing for a computer device, comprising:
a chassis configured to house at least one computer component;
an access panel coupled to the chassis, wherein the access panel is pivotable
with respect to the chassis;
first and second latch members located on the access panel;
a first catch member located on a first sidewall of the chassis and configured to
engage with the first latch member, the first catch member being
moveable in a first direction; and
a second catch member located on a second sidewall not adjacent to the first
sidewall and configured to engage with the second latch member,
wherein the second catch member is moveable in the first direction,
and wherein the first and second catch members are configured to
disengage with the first and second latch members respectively via
actuation of the first and second catch members in the first direction.

35. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 34, comprising a biasing mechanism configured to bias the first and second catch mechanisms in a second direction, wherein the second direction is axially opposite the first direction.

36. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 34, wherein the first and second catch members are substantially identical.

37. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 37, wherein the first and second catch members are interchangeable.

38. (previously presented) The housing as recited in claim 37, wherein the first and second latch members are configured to actuate the first and second catch members respectively in the first direction during positioning of the access panel to a closed position with respect to the chassis.